

## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 118

By Harper

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Yolanda Taylor-Statom, on her selection as Teacher of the Year at Taylor Stratton Elementary School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Yolanda Taylor-Statom is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, she has recently been selected Teacher of the Year by her co-workers at Taylor Stratton Elementary School, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, her selection as Teacher of the Year is particularly impressive in that Mrs. Taylor-Statom is in her first year of employment at Taylor Stratton; no stranger to accolades, she was twice voted Teacher of the Year by her co-workers at two other previous schools; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Taylor-Statom received her bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville and a master's degree in Library Sciences from Trevecca University in Nashville; and

WHEREAS, Yolanda Taylor-Statom has served with acumen and alacrity with the Metro Nashville Public Schools since 1993; currently a Reading Specialist, she has also taught first and second grades during her exemplary tenure; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Taylor-Statom is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, she truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, her many professional accomplishments aside, Mrs. Taylor-Statom is most appreciative of the love, support, and companionship she shares with her husband, Lelan; together they are the proud parents of daughter, Kayela, and son, Taylor; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Taylor-Statom truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Mrs. Yolanda Taylor-Statom on being chosen as Teacher of the Year at Taylor Stratton Elementary School, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.